| Sl. No. | States/UTs | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21. | Sikkim | 1.70 | 1.70 | 2.03 |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 118.21 | 190.51 | 113.6 |
| 23. | Uttar Pradesh | 184.45 | 64.95 | 189.11 |
| 24. | West Bengal | 80.00 | 73.49 | 83.65 |
| 25. | Chandigarh | 3.10 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 26. | Delhi | 0.00 | 82.03 | 52.09 |

**Child marriage**

4603. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether child marriage is still prevalent in the country;

(b) whether girls between the age of 15-19 are forcibly married in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) to (c) The Government does not maintain data on child marriages, as The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 is being administered and implemented by the State Governments/Union territory Administrations. However, cases of child marriage in some States have come to the notice of the Government. The statistical data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau on child marriages reported in various States of the country during 2001 is given in the statement.

***Statement***

*Cases reported under Child Marriage Restraint Act during 2001*

| Sl. | States/UTs | Incidence |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 6 |
| 2. | Bihar | 2 |
| 3. | Gujarat | 11 |
| 4. | Karnataka | 3 |
| 5. | Kerala | 3 |
| 6. | Madhya Pradesh | 4 |

| Sl. | States/UTs | Incidence |
|---|---|---|
| 7. | Maharashtra | 43 |
| 8. | Rajasthan | 10 |
| 9. | Uttar Pradesh | 1 |
| 10. | Chandigarh | 2 |
| | TOTAL | 85 |

SOURCE : National Crime Records Bureau.
NOTE : Figures are provisional.

**Murder of lover couples**

†4604. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that young boys and girls doing love marriages with persons belonging to other religions and castes in the country are tortured in every way by the society as well as the police and in a number of incidents they are even murdered;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government for protection of such lover couples?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) A number of such incidents have been reported in the newspapers.

(b) and (c) Ministry does not maintain details of such incidents.

**Removal of children suffering from AIDS from the school**

4605. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Southern India two children suffering from AIDS were asked to leave school, inspite of the fact that parents of other children gave statements to the press of their awareness of the disease;

(b) if so, the role-played by the State Government in this matter and whether the State Government sought Centre's intervention;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.